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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Rate of Acquisition of SAC Officers for Project OXCART

REFERENCE : Memo for C/DPD/PERS from C/DPD/SPB, Dated 19 May 1961;  
Subject: "Request for Security Clearances" (OXO-1717)

1. In view of what was learned at the Suppliers' Meeting this week regarding the slippage in first flight of the A-12 and delay in the delivery of the second vehicle, I think we should take a constructive look at the question of acquiring all or part of the 12 SAC officers destined for duty either at Headquarters or at [REDACTED] 25X1A

2. Based on the fact that many of these officers undoubtedly have Top Secret clearances in SAC based on a CBI, I suspect that we can look for some of them to start walking in the door as early as mid-August. With our severe limitations in space here in Headquarters, with the probability that the IG will then be with us, I am not at all sure that we can accommodate physically officers in this group for whom [REDACTED] does not have a requirement for duty within his Branch here. In other words, Division Headquarters, I feel, is not the place to shelve officers whose arrival at the Area might be understandably deferred. I think the last thing you would personally feel comfortable with, for example, would be three full colonels awaiting onward movement to a field assignment in your outer office.

3. Since I will be away after Friday, I assume you will want to table this item for discussion with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at one of your forthcoming OXCART staff meetings.

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Assistant Chief  
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